

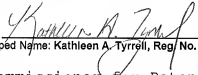
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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Reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116

This reply is responsive to the Final Rejection mailed November 25, 2009 setting a three (3) month statutory period for response. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

**Amendments to the claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6.